NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

III

A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1919, OF Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI.

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Sir, since I gave notice of my motion to beg leave of this House to introduce an amending Bill to the City Municipal Act, the Corporation of Madras has constituted a committee to examine the present Act with a view to suggest more comprehensive amendments than the one I have given notice of. I have also received a suggestion from the Secretary to the Local Self-Government Department that I would be well advised to postpone my asking for leave at this stage. I therefore beg of you to allow me to withdraw the motion."

The motion was accordingly not made.

IV

A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 112, 116 AND 117 OF THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920, OF RAO BAHADUR A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU.

* Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" Sir, I ask for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Local Boards Act, 1920. At this stage one is not permitted to make a statement because it is a mere application for leave, and after the motion is put and leave granted, the Bill is to be published, after which stage there can be any discussion on it."

* Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Before we make up our minds to grant the leave, we should know something about which leave is asked for."

* The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, I am not generally averse to leave being granted for the introduction of Bills. On this occasion, I may say that the Bill proposed to be introduced is absolutely unnecessary, because the interference of the Government with the budgets of local bodies is possible under the existing law only when the budgets are not balanced."

* Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" Sir, if it is to be opposed, I am to make a statement. If you will permit me, Sir, I shall make a statement."

* The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" While I do not want to oppose the granting of leave for introduction of this Bill, I want to tell the hon. Members that they are unnecessarily giving heavy work to the Secretariat by introducing such Bills. I am sure that the Bill will have to be dropped at a later stage. So I only want to tell my hon. Friend that there is no use in asking for leave to introduce the Bill. As I already said, I would not object to leave being granted."

* Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Some of us on this side of the House are at a disadvantage in not being in a position to know what the Bill is like, and it is therefore impossible for us either to understand what the leave is for or to appreciate the opposition directed against it."